APPROVED: Meeting No. 19-88

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND MEETING NO. 15-88

March 24, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Work Session in the Boards and Commissions Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, March 24, 1988 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

Councilman Dave Robbins

Councilman Steve Abrams (7:10 p.m.)

ABSENT

Councilman James Coyle

Re: Work Session: Sign Review Board

Present for the Board was Chairman Douglas Worthing and Sue Semonis.

Present from staff was Linda MacDermid.

The Mayor and Council discussed the following items with the Sign Review Board:

- 1. Sign uniformity in shopping centers
- 2. Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance

Chairman Worthing discussed the problem of having a nationally known chain located in shopping centers who want to use their own sign design therefore breaking uniformity. Councilman Abrams noted that nationally known chains must conform to the shopping centers sign regulations, but are allowed

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to use a small portion of the sign for their chain's logo. He, therefore, does not foresee a problem.

Chairman Worthing referred to the Sign Ordinance and suggested that the Sign Review Board be given the ability to grant a variance where they see fit. Mayor Duncan asked for a list of applications for sign variances that the Board has turned down during the past year. Staff will then analyze this information and give it to the Mayor and Council to review.

Re: Work Session: Landlord and Tenant Affairs
Commission

Present from the Landlord and Tenant Affairs Commission were Chairman Lillian Osborne, Mary Vaarwerk, Joni Rainbolt and Marsha Meadows. Present from staff was Bill Dukes.

The Mayor and Council discussed the following items with the Landlord and Tenant Affairs Commission:

- 1. Staff Report
- 2. Completion of Brochures
- 3. Volunteer Rent Stabilization
- 4. Commission Vacancy

Chairman Osborne discussed the number of inquiries and cases handled by the Commission in the past year.

The Brochure with information for Landlords and Tenants, along with a tenant information circular was distributed to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor asked that these brochures be sent to all tenants as well as the Landlords. He also noted that Congressional Towers should be added to the Rockville Apartment Directory.

Bill Dukes noted that the report on Volunteer Rent Stabilization is presently with the City Manager and would come before the Mayor and Council shortly.

Mayor Duncan noted that the Mayor and Council had been looking for a citizen to fill the vacancy on the Commission. He suggested that the Commission also look for a member and notify him of anyone interested in serving on the Commission.

Re: Work Session: Lincoln
Park Access

Present from staff were Joe Cutro and Bob Spaulding. Present from the Lincoln Park Community was Ardell Shirley and Anita Summerour.

The Mayor and Council discussed the options available for the Lincoln Park Access.

Mr. Cutro reviewed four different options. The Mayor and Council agreed that option M 3W would be their number one choice, and that option G would be their second choice. The residents of Lincoln Park also preferred these two options. The Mayor and Council asked that the State Explore the extension of Westmore Road.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to convene again in General Session on Monday, March 28, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.